

It isn't too early to start planning for future Journalism Education Association conventions. Sites have been established for some conventions through 1977.

The fall 1975 convention will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, in conjunction with NSPA, over the Thanksgiving weekend. This year the JEA write-off contest has been expanded with new categories and more awards being presented.

Although final contest details will be outlined this summer, the contest is tentatively scheduled to be held about 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day in the hotel. Details on pre-registering for the contest will be sent to JEA members early in the fall. Categories for the write-off contest include newswriting, editorial writing, yearbook layout, newsmagazine layout, feature writing and sports writing. New categories include advertising, editorial cartoons and radio news.

Each school may select one student to enter each category at the fee of \$2 per student. For yearbook layout, each school may enter a team for the single \$2 fee. Entry fees are used to purchase trophies and certificates.

Students may bring with them pencils, pens, rulers, rubber cement, paper, typewriters or in the case of radio news, a tape recorder. Directions, information, subjects to interview, pictures, etc. will be furnished by JEA contest officials.

Winners of the write-off contest and the sweepstakes winner, the school with the highest composite point total, will be announced at the NSPA dance on Friday night.

1975 West Coast winners, competing at the Los Angeles convention, in the at-large JEA category were Richard Figueroa, St. Elizabeth H.S., Oakland,

Calif. in newswriting; Cindy Krauss, Fremont H.S., Sunnyvale, Calif. in editorials; Teri Iknoian, Roosevelt H.S., Fresno, Calif. in features; and Jim Foppiano, Lincoln H.S., Stockton, Calif. in sports.

The 1976 spring convention will be held the first weekend in April in Portland, Ore. Bill Mohn, of Portland, is making JEA arrangements. Hosting the 1976 fall convention Thanksgiving weekend will be the Texas Association of Journalism Directors (TAJD) in San Antonio. Betty Stanley, JEA state director, and Marjorie Wilson, TAJD president, made the group's formal bid at the Los Angeles convention.

Site of the spring 1977 convention will be San Francisco, with the Northern California JEA making arrangements.

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